

Goal Ia8 – Condition of Archeological Sites

NPS Mission Goal. By September 30, 2005, 50% of the recorded archeological sites with condition assessments are in good condition (FY1999 baseline: 7,470 of 14,940).

Park Long-term Goal. By September 30, 2005, 88 of 92 (96%) of the archeological sites listed on the current ASMIS, with condition assessments, are in good condition.

Park Annual Goal. By September 30, 2003, 80 of 92 (87%) of the archeological sites listed on the current ASMIS, with condition assessments, are in good condition.

Miscellaneous Notes. The parks' Archeological Sites Management Inventory System (ASMIS) database was updated in the summer of 2001. Currently, 334 sites are recorded; of these, 92 have condition assessments and 72 are in "good" condition.

Tracker. This goal will be tracked by the park archeologist.

Goal Verification/Validation. is available through the ASMIS database.

Goal Ia9B – Restore Cave Floors

NPS Mission Goal. By September 30, 2005, 72,500 feet of cave floors in parks is restored.

Park Long-term Goal. By September 30, 2005, 10,000 square feet of cave floors and walls in Crystal and other impacted park caves (Lilburn, Clough, Hurricane, and Soldiers) are restored.

Park Annual Goal. By September 30, 2003, 6,000 square feet of cave floors and walls in Crystal and other impacted park caves (Lilburn, Clough, Hurricane, and Soldiers) are restored.

Miscellaneous Notes. There are 215 known caves in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Many of these are in pristine, nearly undisturbed condition. However, a number of park caves have been impacted by human use that has moved mud, dirt and sand, trampled sediments, damaged formations and altered substrates that provide habitat for endemic cave-adapted invertebrates. Most restoration activities will be in Crystal Cave, the only park cave commercially open to the public. Work on restoring an additional 2,000 square feet of cave floors and walls is planned. Other caves requiring far less restoration include Lilburn, Soldiers, Clough, Hurricane, Carmoe Crevice and others.

Tracker. This goal will be tracked by the air quality specialist.

Goal Verification/Validation. will include photo monitoring and surveys of disturbed and restored cave floors.